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Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P. S  
Halas hall students and alumni pull together to win the annual Dorm Tug of War competition.

## Campus Celebrates Homecoming Week

By Jessica Ruschke  
News Editor

The first of October doesn't just mean the beginning of fall. This year it also marked Homecoming festivities. Student Association, Student Union Board, Student Development, the office of Alumni and Parent Relations, and many other groups worked together to sponsor a number of activities for students and alumni throughout the weekend.

Friday night's main events included a pep rally and Halleck Fun Night. SUB Homecoming Traditions chair senior English major Meigan Rennels organized all the events that SUB sponsored throughout the weekend. The Halleck Fun Night was a new addition to the Homecoming festivities, inspired by the Halleck Carnival Freshman Leaders and RA's put on for the freshmen during orientation. Rennels feels that it went well and that it is something SUB hopes to continue. "It was something I wanted to try this year to make the Pep Rally last longer than the ten minutes of people speaking. I think it went very well. There were a good number of people that hung around for about an hour," said Rennels.

On Saturday night, SUB, along with Puma Pound and Gamma Eta Mu, sponsored an All-White Dance. "Everyone remembers their Homecoming Dance in high school, and we wanted to re-create a college version of that," said Rennels.

Besides cheering the football team to victory, the students and alumni also got to watch the band's half-time show and the crowning of the Homecoming Court. Students voted senior Biology major Adam Willis Homecoming King and senior Art major Keilia Kettmann Homecoming Queen.

Many booths and activities for students and alumni were also set up on Saturday. An inflatable obstacle course, a rock-climbing

wall, a kid's art tent, a Kairos table, and Mocktail booth stayed open for students and alumni until 5 P.M. along with the food tent and beer garden.

The Make a Choice (MAC) group helped staff and sponsor the mocktail booth with Student Development and the class of 2013. The booth offered free non-alcoholic versions of strawberry daiquiris and margaritas. MAC president junior Biology major Alan Austin enjoyed helping out with the booth. He said, "It was a great time, and many enjoyed it. It's always fun to get the MAC group together on some crazy activity." Students also helped staff the Kairos table and shared stories with the alumni who had also participated in the retreats.

Following a picnic style dinner, students had the opportunity to participate in the annual dorm tug of war competition. Overall, about forty people participated in the competition, and Halas Hall claimed the victory. Those who participated in the event enjoyed fighting for their halls. Senior English major and Halas Hall resident Patricia Roeder said, "It felt awesome to be part of homecoming history at Saint Joe. Everyone was in a good mood, the alumni were fun, and it felt great to get some exercise and use some

muscle."

Halas faced off with the apartments, and some timely assistance helped them conquer their opponents. "It was a handful of girls against some very burly residents. But just before we started, some other men came over and grabbed our rope. I have no idea where they came from, but Halas used to be co-ed so I suppose anything was possible," said Roeder. Next, the team faced a combined force of residents and alumni of Merlini and the apartments, but they still came out the winners. "They were no match for the braves and brawn of the Halas ladies and their allies," said Roeder.

The Homecoming events were meant to bring the students and alumni together, and that is what makes this time memorable for students. "I really just wanted to re-create the sort of feeling that I always had in high school around homecoming. Excited and energetic, full of school-spirit," said Rennels. Austin enjoyed visiting with all the alumni that returned. "It made my day to see all of the people who graduated and rarely get to see anymore. Everyone who goes to Saint Joe has had a very good impact on me, and it is always good to see fellow Saint Joe people," said Austin.



Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.  
Seniors Adam Willis and Keilia Kettmann were voted Homecoming King and Queen and crowned during half-time at the Homecoming Football game.

## Improv group entertains student audience

By Rachel King  
Staff Writer

On September 30, 2011 the Saint Joseph's Improv group, Production Under Construction, performed and was well-received by the audience. The whole time the show was going on the crowd could not stop laughing.

The improv group split up into two teams and competed in different improvisation games with scenarios based on ideas from the crowd. The audience appreciated this performance method and enjoyed the funny skits they came up with on the spot.

Audience member, freshman Biology major Anastasia Marsh said, "It was very innovative. I loved the humor and the flow of the show. Everyone had an equal chance to share in the hilarity of the performance."

Other audience members also thought the performance was well-performed. "I thoroughly enjoyed it. I was a fan of the last skit between Wesley Weber and Sean Warren where they reenacted the Trojan War. They had great interaction with each other. I thought it was a high caliber performance," said senior English major Patricia Roeder.

Senior Biology major Adam Willis participated in the show, and also felt good about the performance. "Well, if I described the show in one word, it would be this: Awesome," said Willis. Other performers also had a good time. "We improvised the show as we went too, so it was like an improv within an improv. I thought it was pretty awesome," said sophomore Biology major Alan Austin.

The audience also had the opportunity to police the show for content. A couple times one person had to go to the shame corner and put a pan on top of her head. The shame corner is for those who the crowd thinks said something inappropriate.

Overall, students think the show was a success and look forward to the next one. "I was excited that the Improvers were back for the first show of the year, and I can't wait for the next one," said senior English major Elysse Hillyer.



# Students gather to “Take Back the Night”

## Events raise awareness for victims of domestic violence

Erin Hill  
Staff Writer

“A woman walks alone down a dark, deserted street. With every shadow she sees, and every sound she hears, her pounding heart flutters and skips a beat. She hurries her pace as she sees her destination become closer. She is almost there. She reaches the front door, goes inside, collects herself, and moves on forgetting, at least for tonight, the gripping fear that momentarily enveloped her life.” These words were read and repeated during a four day event that is observed worldwide called Take Back the Night.

The four days from October 2, 2011, through Wednesday October 5, 2011, were dedicated to the victims of rape, domestic violence, and sexual assault. This event is meant to raise awareness and encourage victims to speak out, so others can hear their stories and find their ways out too.

The events on Sunday, had a prayer service and tie-dyed shirts to use during the Tuesday rally. Then on Monday, they had the lantern lighting over at Lake Banet. There was a bonfire and hot chocolate was served.

For this night, they had giant lanterns that everyone took turns writing on. Participants could write a message to someone that they know personally, or just to victims in general. It is a way to let the victims know that they are not alone. After everyone had a chance to write what was



in their hearts, the lanterns were lit and sailed off into the night sky, giving hope to anyone who needs it.

Throughout the week, the students were asked to decorate bags. These bags were used in a lighting ceremony on Tuesday. The bags had candles placed in them to light the way.

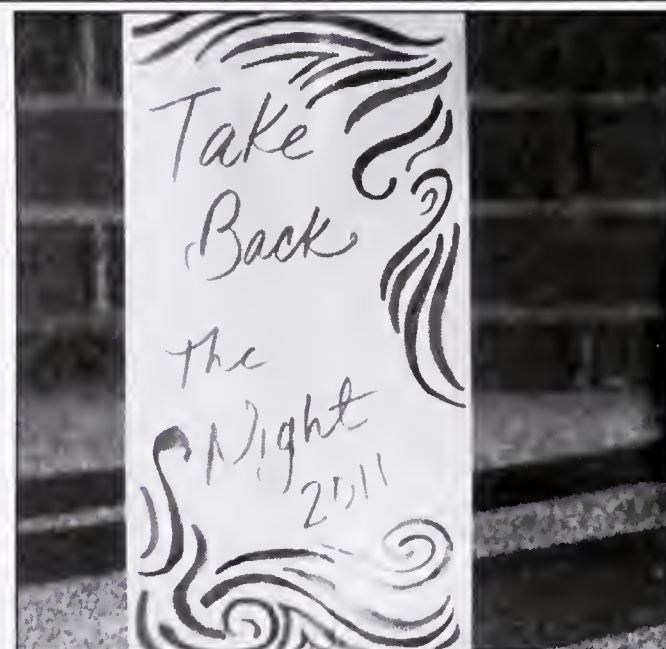
After the ceremony, a rally followed that brought many to tears. This was a chance for victims to get up and speak their stories. Four speakers got up and told their stories. All of them had the common theme of how difficult it was to find the words to tell their story. One speaker

*Photos courtesy of Mary DeVault. (Above) Paper lanterns were lit during the Luminaria Ceremony prior to the Rally in the ballroom Tuesday night.*

*(Right) Students decorated the lanterns to send messages about domestic violence and sexual assault.*

said that if she did not speak, she would be letting down all the others who cannot. Many people are not able to speak out about what had happened to them.

This event was created to give those people a voice. Their slogan is “Shatter the Silence. Stop the Violence”. It calls attention to wrongs that happen all the time.



# Campus Ministry celebrates 25 years of Kairos

## Past Kairos retreatants reflect on the impact of Kairos on life, college experience

F. H. Gonzalez  
Staff Writer

This year celebrates the 25th anniversary of St. Joseph College’s involvement with the Kairos retreat program. The retreat has been an ever-present fixture of the school’s campus ministry program, and continues to gain a following among the student body. Kairos is a chance for students to get to spend some time away from campus while spending time to reflect on their own lives. Kairos also offers a chance to meet other students who they may not normally interact on a daily basis.

Every year, Kairos is held three times a year to allow everyone a chance to go on this retreat. Once in October, January, and March this retreat is open to students, and coordinated by Bro. Tim Hemm. A graduate of St. Joseph’s College, Bro. Tim has been working to bring everything together for the retreat

from assigning group leaders to procuring provisions for the retreat. As Bro. Tim said, “It’s all about the students who really work the hardest to make this retreat possible.

*“Kairos was one of the first experiences where I started to see the Core Program in action. That retreat helped me realize that SJC was unique,”*  
- Nick Shafer, ‘04.

Within the 25 year span that Kairos has been a part of St. Joseph’s, many alumni have been personally touched by this retreat. Although it’s a policy to keep the many activities of Kairos a secret, many of the alumni have been enthusiastically outspoken in

their appreciation for the retreat’s contribution to the lives of students on campus. Nick Shafer, a graduate of the class of ‘04, had this to say, “Kairos was one of the first experiences where I started



to see the Core program in action. That retreat helped me realize that SJC was unique, not just a school, but an experience. I’m thankful to have been a part of Kairos.”

In addition to helping the

campus community to bond, Kairos serves as a way for others to get in touch with their own faith, regardless of religious affiliation. 2001 Music Education Graduate Craig Phipps said, “Kairos helped me define my relationship with God and gave

me a more direct path on my journey of faith.” Alumnus, Lisa Fruecht added, “Kairos brought me back to a settled place in life. It was a fabulous weekend that reminded me why faith is so important.” 2010 graduate Katie Vanderkolk said, “Kairos gave me the opportunity to refocus on what is really important in

life: the people I love, the little moments each day, and the grace and support of those around me.” It’s evident that the Kairos retreat has touched the lives of students, alumni, and faculty participants alike. On October 27 Bro. Tim and his student leaders will lead participants for the 59th retreat.


**UPCOMING EVENTS**


- 10/14 Fall Break
- 10/18 Freshman Banquet
- 10/20 - 10/22 Fall Play: *You Can't Take it With You*
- 10/22 Family Day
- 10/23 Prospective Student Overnight
- 10/27 - 10/30 Kairos 59



## What, What, What Were You Thinking?

**By Mark Rouse**  
*Guest Writer*

It appears that there is an epidemic around campus, sweatpants and people wearing socks with sandals. What are you people thinking?

What makes people think that wearing socks with sandals looks good? I want to know who made them think this was a good idea. It looks like someone was trying way too hard to be lazy. This fashion faux pas has not been confined to college campuses but has spread around the country, slowly bringing the fashion average lower and lower.

This trend has evolved into girls wearing socks with high heels. What about that looks good? It looks stupid. There are certain kinds of shoes that do not require socks. Sandals and high heels are this kind of shoe.

Now to tackle the sweatpants issue. I understand that this is college. Sometimes you don't get enough sleep or you have an early class, but this is not an excuse to wear sweatpants every day of the week. It looks trashy and lazy. You are not making a good impression on anyone when you look like a bum. Everyone

has at least one pair of jeans. Wear them. If you don't own a pair, they are about \$14.99 at Wal-Mart. If you have to wear sweatpants, please, do not wear them while wearing socks and sandals. This would be a world ending fashion faux pas.

The rule is: Sweatpants may be worn out in public one time every two weeks. Socks and sandals or socks with heels the rule is: NEVER!

Fashion--the things that you wear--says a lot about your personality. The way you dress is the first thing people see about you. How do you want people to see you? Wearing socks with sandals while wearing some torn-up sweatpants does not leave a good impression on the people you are meeting. This screams, "I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DRESS MYSELF!"

There are a lot of fashion faux pas that you need to avoid, but as long as you steer clear of the socks with sandals and sweat pants every day, you will be okay. You are certainly not going to make the red carpet, but you will make it through college without looking like a bum.

Stay Fashionable.



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SIGN UP OR SHUT UP!

*Art by Frank Gonzalez.*

## Please Learn Some Tact

**By Randee Portteus**  
*Guest Writer*

Tact /takt/ (n.): 1) skill or grace in dealing with others, 2) acting so as not to offend, 3) adroitness and sensitivity in dealing with others or with difficult issues.

How many people knew the definition of tact, or at least had some idea of what it was?

If it is more than a few, I'm surprised. More and more, I feel like I'm part of an incredibly tactless generation.

I'm not complaining here about boys not opening doors for me or the foul language used every other word. No, because I can very well open my own doors and my mother has threatened to wash my mouth out with soap more than once.

What I'm talking about is something different. I'm talking about respect. I'm talking about courtesy. I'm talking about taking yourself out of your own shoes and stepping into someone else's.

Not immediately taking "what you heard" about someone as truth, and not spreading it around. Not chastising someone for doing something and then turning around and doing it yourself. Not being outright rude. Refusing to see the point of view of others. Just being nice. Being polite. Being kind. Showing some compassion. Saying thank you. Treating others like you want to be treated. There's enough hate in this world.

As I come to the end of my little rant, I would like to point something out: how tactless this very article is. See my point?

**By Meigan Rennels**  
*Opinions Editor*

I am sure that more than one person on this campus has been the subject of a Puma Rumor and I am even more sure that most people have been responsible for spreading a Puma Rumor.

I totally understand how tempting it can be to hear something juicy and outrageous and immediately want to tell everyone you know about it. But I ask you this, to please take a moment to think about what you are saying and who it is effecting. Take a moment to think about the person you are talking about and what they will feel like when they hear that people have been talking about them.

I also ask you to take a moment and think about whether or not you can confirm that what you are saying is true. Taking something that your friend heard from their sister's classmates, cousin is not the most reliable source. Have you ever played a game of telephone? You know how distorted the facts can get.

Now that you are thinking about the truth behind the rumor and the wiseness of spreading the rumor, think about whether or not you have ever had a rumor spread about you. Was it true? Where did it come from? What were the consequences of this rumor?

Consequences. These are something that people rarely really think about. SJC is a small school. Everyone hears about everything. What happens when you tell someone that so-and-so slept with what's-his-name and then you realise that so-and-so has a boyfriend and you have just outed her as a cheater. How much

does that suck?

What if you hear that so-and-so has been "getting around" and so you tell a bunch of people that. You have just ruined so-and-so's reputation. People are now going to seek out so-and-so thinking that she is easy. What about so-and-so's friends. Do you think their opinion of her will change if they have heard she is sleeping around? You have just made so-and-so's life a lot more difficult as she attempts to get away from a reputation a rumor started for her.

But consequences go further than that. What happens when you tell someone that so-and-so was having a party on Friday night and a professor or faculty member overhears you. What if so-and-so has a job on campus that requires him not to drink. You just got so-and-so fired from their campus job. How does that make you feel?

I know a lot of people do not think about these things

when they hear some juicy bit of information. They do not stop to think about the consequences of their actions or the truth behind what they are saying. They do not wonder what would happen if they were in this position. They just want to get a good bit of gossip.

Puma Rumors hurt people. They destroy relationships, reputations and jobs. They effect the person you are talking about, but they also peg you for a person that you do not want to be. They peg you as that person that gossips about everyone around them. No one wants to be friends with that person. No one likes that person. And you know what, sooner or later, that person is going to be on the wrong end of a Puma Rumor.

## Have your voice be heard!

Are there people or groups on campus that you think deserve to be recognized for their contributions to the campus community?

Are their concerns in *the Observer* that need to be addressed?

Do you have any concerns with policies on campus?

Are there issues you think need to be discussed?

Tell us about it! The Student Forum is your way to speak out and have your voice be heard. Please send your letters to Meigan Rennels at [mrq7698@saintjoe.edu](mailto:mrq7698@saintjoe.edu) attached as a Word document.

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# iPlay: Gaming on the Go

By Adam Ruggles  
Staff Writer

College students are always looking for new forms of cheap entertainment. The overwhelming presence of smartphones and their thousands of apps have created the perfect channel for such mobile entertainment. To save you the trouble of spending your hard earned money on less than ideal gaming apps, I have compiled a list of three recent and hot iPhone gaming apps that must not be missed. Better yet, all three cost 99 cents or less!

## Cut the Rope

iOS gaming publisher Chillingo burst onto the mobile gaming scene with its 2010 release of *Cut the Rope*. This physics-based puzzler challenges its players to move a piece of candy, through the process of cutting several ropes, to a charming and always hungry monster named Om Nom. In addition to simply cutting ropes and swinging the candy from point A to Om Nom's belly, there are a number of other fun and creative gameplay elements, including whoopee cushions that forcefully propel the candy in a certain direction. There are also bubbles that can envelop the candy and lift it so that no height is too great. Other mechanics include a reverse gravity switch, teleporters, and spiders that try to steal Om Nom's candy. For a greater challenge and a maximized score, players can choose to collect up to three stars before dropping the candy

into Om Nom's mouth. Overall, this is a fun, charming, challenging, and extensive game (already containing 200 levels with more to come) that any fan of puzzle based games should consider adding to his or her collection. Its sequel, *Cut the Rope: Experiments*, is equally enjoyable and more creative and innovative than its predecessor, and each costs 99 cents. Chillingo also released a free holiday edition of its award-winning title for those who are still unsure if *Cut the Rope* is for them.

## Temple Run

*Temple Run*, a product of Imani Studios, is an iPhone runner game in which players fill the shoes of tomb raider Guy Dangerous. Guy Dangerous has stolen an idol from an ancient temple which has upset the temple's inhabitants. To avoid their angry pursuit, players must direct Guy through an intricate and endless maze full of obstacles that must be avoided by jumping, sliding, and moving left to right. As the run progresses, the gameplay get faster and faster forcing players to react at an increasingly quicker pace. Along the hectic path Guy is traversing, there are vast amounts of coins that can be collected to purchase upgrades such as speed boosts, invisibility, and resurrection scrolls, all of which greatly aid in running further distances. This Indiana Jones-esque game is an endless runner that pushes players to go further



It's like *Tomb Raider* but with less boobs (Picture courtesy of Google Images).

than they have before. Moreover, through the iPhone's Game Center, friends can compete against each other for the tops scores and distance. Several of my friends and I compete in this way and, let me tell you, it can get quite competitive and intense. *Temple Run* is available now for free!

## Where's My Water?

Disney's *Where's My Water?* is a physics-based puzzler with

a twist. In this title, the player's goal is to direct a particular amount of water to a bathtub so that Swampy, an alligator that lives in the sewers, can take a bath. Players direct water by digging through soil thus creating channels for the water to travel through. Like *Cut the Rope*, players looking for an increased difficulty can collect three rubber ducks before channeling the appropriate amount of water

into Swampy's bathtub. Though this mechanic is very simple, it effectively increases the game's longevity as players continually strive to achieve the best scores possible. Other mechanics that add levels of complexity to the experience are acid water that can be used to burn away mildew or trigger switches to open up new paths for water flow. Additionally, acidic slime is found on some levels that automatically starts eating through the soil, effectively forcing players to make decisions and act quickly. Since this game just recently hit the App Store, it features 80 unique levels with more to come in the future. Moreover, like most iOS games, purchasers gain access to new levels once they are released free of charge. At a price of 99 cents, this physics-based puzzler is a must buy for anyone looking for a fun, challenging, and addictive way to game on the go.



Doesn't this shower scene pique your curiosity? Not in a weird way though. (Photo courtesy of Google Images)

# Shut up and Drive!

By Corey Dowds  
Features Editor

Have you ever seen a movie and said, "Oh hey, that was pretty cool. This was definitely an experience I will cherish for the rest of my life." Now, take that experience, and multiply it by, oh, I don't know, perhaps one billion. I mean that is a rough estimate, but you know what I'm "driving" at. What experience can possibly bring on such euphoria, you ask? If you didn't already guess, I am talking about the new movie, *Drive*.

Before I get into the meat and potatoes of this movie, I'll give you some surefire signs that you will love it. First of all, I've seen it twice, so you know you are good hands with me. Secondly, the first time I saw it, something amazing happened.

My friends and I walked out of the theater like we were 12 years olds "all jacked up on Mountain Dew." Anyway, we were bouncing around like bunnies on Easter, and one of our friends was ready to depart for the night. Then, when one of my comrades made a joke about how one should hug the other, the other friend ejected from the car, and the two friends hugged each other like there was no tomorrow. Then, what came next dropped jaws to the floor. Out of nowhere,

the two friends started to make out profusely! They weren't even going out: just the overall joy that they felt from such perfect cinema was enough to make them display love like it's a tennis match! In conclusion, this movie brings essentially total strangers together in a potential orgy.

*Drive* is a movie about a silent driver, stuntman by day, and criminal driver by night. Played by Ryan Gosling, his character is only referred to as "The driver" and "kid," in almost *Kill Bill* like fashion. His boss Shannon played by Bryan Cranston (Most notably known for hit television show *Breaking Bad*) lets him work in his garage in the day, and also provides him with cars that he

uses for getaways. Other stars include Ron Pearlman, Carrey Mulligan, Kristina Hendricks, and Albert Brooks.

The story is pretty simple. The driver slowly becomes attached to his neighbors at his new apartment. A budding love for the neighbor and her son turns sour when her husband returns from jail. When it becomes apparent that the father is still in some mob trouble, he lends a helping hand as a roundabout way of keeping the neighbors safe. The driver is a character that does not show emotion really, but does have feelings and eventually shows how much he cares for other characters in the movie.

The way this movie is shot is

phenomenal. The style of *Drive* is best described as unique and simply stylized. The opening credits that pop up as Gosling slowly cruises to "Nightcall" by Kavinsky (really good song!) comes up in a way that makes you feel like this might be *Grand Theft Auto* the movie, which I assure you, it's not. The style along with the rollercoaster of unpredictable events keeps you mesmerized. The second time I saw this movie, my friend literally thought there was more than an hour left, and it was about 10 minutes, it was his second time seeing it as well. It will keep your eyes glued to screen, not because of non-stop action, but style, tension, music, characters, and

Gosling's handsomeness (did I really just say that?).

If nothing else, this movie is unique. In a world where *Transformers 2* and *White Chicks* may be someone's favorite movie, *Drive* refuses in any way shape or form to conform to any film clichés or stereotypes. It is a unique piece of work that deserves to be recognized for its boldness. When you combine this uniqueness with compelling characters and performances, *Drive* will leave you feeling like you got hit by airbags. Not because this movie is a crash, but because it will take your breathe away.

*Drive* overall has received generally positive views, although they are a bit mixed. My advice to you would be go and see it for yourself. A word of warning, this movie is not for everyone. Some people will hate this movie. If you feel like being bold and you feel movies like *Dumb and Dumber* and *I Know Who Killed Me* aren't your favorites anymore, than go and watch a movie that isn't afraid to stand alone. Heck, if you *DRIVE* I'll pay for your movie tickets. 10/10.



Ryan Gosling, being badass while *Driving*! Who'da thunk it? I warn you, if you don't like good movies than you won't be a fan of *Drive*.



# Rekindling an Old Love: Power Rangers

By Kristina Hemmerling  
Staff Writer

I'm sure we all have fond memories of childhood: playing tag in the back yard, jumping into piles of leaves, and watching television... all the time. I don't know about you, but one of the favorite shows in my house was the Power Rangers. I can distinctly remember pretending to be the Power Rangers with my cousin, trying to beat up the bad guys especially Rita Repulsa. Apparently she distinctly remembers me forcing her to be the Yellow Ranger, but that may or may not be true.

Recently, some friends and I have rekindled our Power Ranger love. Four of us bought t-shirts, and we've even watched the first few episodes of the first season. Netflix comes in quite handy there. I'll give you the low-down on the characters. The very first episode will lead you right down memory lane (if you decide to follow in our footsteps).

You remember the characters, I'm sure. Billy Cranston, the nerdy blue ranger, whose dialect for some reason reflects that of

Alpha 5, who is a robot. Trini Kwan, the yellow ranger who brings some Japanese culture along with some tight kung fu moves to the power rangers' arsenal. Zach Taylor, the black ranger who brings some smooth moves, charisma, and humor to the table. Kimberly Hart, the pink ranger who uses flexibility to her advantage. Then there is the red ranger, Jason Scott the original leader of the power rangers, whose leadership through verbal skills and action bring the rangers together. A little bit later in season one, they acquire Tommy Oliver, who joins them as the green ranger. The green ranger, who eventually becomes the white ranger, according to recent studies is the "biggest badass" among the power rangers. In season one, Rita Repulsa recruits Tommy and takes over his mind to fight the other five power rangers. When Tommy puts the other five power rangers in there place, including slapping the ever-loving crap out of the pink ranger (Seriously, look it up), the power rangers are nearly defeated, but through some plot induced bologna, the

power rangers pull it out. These six teenagers with attitudes then fight against Rita Repulsa and other monstrous villains to defend Earth.

While we can obviously appreciate Mighty Morphin Power Rangers for its stunning choreography, rich intellectual content, and it's overall attitude, there were things as kids that we simply could not appreciate. Power Rangers, though it was a kid's show, was known for its controversial violence and overly dark themes, especially with the introduction of Rita Repulsa's father, Master Vile. Mighty Morphin Power Rangers has pushed the envelope, which has progressed children's programming in a few ways. First, it has allowed our children's programming to be more monitored, or for parents to be more cautious. Some might argue that it has made children's programming more violent, but they have to learn sometime, right? The point is, Power Rangers gave us a lot. I'm not saying they still do, because the new series are bologna. I'm saying that the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers can never be trumped, and I'll speak on behalf of our age group when I say they'll always have a spot in our hearts.



All the other rangers trying to be as cool as Tommy. Tommy, the white ranger, telling everyone to chill out, the situation is under control. (Left)

# Poetry Box

## Gym Teacher

He sits,  
in that old chair.  
Rolling his eyes  
"Run one lap and chill" he says.

He texts, he talks, he curses at his phone.  
While we sit around, lazy and bored  
Two girls start to fight, he groans  
He looks up and prays "Help me, dear lord"

We watch the fight, amused and laughing  
I look at him and say "Are you going to do anything?"  
He shrugs, still on his phone

So that's the story of my teacher and his phone  
Did he stop the fight? The answer is well known.  
The girls fought till blood and weave covered the floor  
And my gym teacher, sat with his phone.

By Sam Schroeder

## Reading a Book on a Cold Fall Day

I put on my favorite hooded sweater, take a good book and a nice cup  
of hot chololate outside.  
Grab a lawn chair and put it under a tree in the front yard.  
I wrap a scarf around my neck  
I rap a warm blanket around my legs.  
Colorful crispy leaves from the tree fall upon me.  
I begin reading.  
When my lips become cold I take a swig of hot chocolate.  
I read a few pages, close teh book and inhale the fresh brisk air.  
My breath fogs the fall air.  
I lift my head towards the sky,  
The sun briefly peaks out of the clouds,  
I feel a little warmth on my cheeks.  
The birds chirp in the tree above me.  
I appreciate this fall day.

By Seth Arthur

Intersted in contributing to the poetry box? Email Corey Dowds (cdt8678) or anyone else involved in that works at the observer. Your creative contribution would be greatly appreciated!

# Campus Trends: The Dart Game

By Corey Dowds  
Features Editor

See that dumby in short shorts lying on the grounds? Step over someone in the cafeteria who appears to be paralyzed? Spotted a knucklehead who is playing possum in the middle of the I.M. field? Chances are, they have fallen victim to the intimidating dart. Now I know you all are asking, "Corey, what in the ba-jesus are you talking about?" Well, folks, let me tell you, after you read this article you will have to potential to be a part of something great, something that is bigger than yourself. It's like the civil rights movement, but not quite as important.

In the case that you remembered that time your home-ec teacher fell into that dunk tank of water and she was wearing a dress so you gouged your eyes out and couldn't sce what was going on before you, I'll give you the low down. The dart game is simple. You enter the game one way- by darting another person. It is a good idea to start by darting someone who is for sure in the game, because if you don't then



A Saint Joe Alumni takes his game to the next level with the use of a fairly large prop. A great photo from homecoming. His elaborate costume is a bit much, but add to intensity of the game. (Google Images)

you might get a funny look and possibly a restraining order. So, you make eye contact with your prey, cup your hand around your mouth, like you are shooting a dart, or giving your tongue a tunnel to funnel through like an

earthworm. Then puff your cheeks out and blow! Then, something magical happens; your prey falls to the floor just like a paraplegic sloth. Then, someone has to touch his neck for them to get up. Also, all of this is imaginary, if you

didn't catch that. You kind of play on an honor system: respect the eye contact, the dart, and the paralysis, which is from the neck down, which means you can move your head around in the event someone tries to put some salt or a computer monitor in it. You can only get up when a kind soul touches your neck. That means you are subject to just about anything, including getting pushed over, rolled around, dragged on the floor, thrown into a bush, and anything your torturer desires. In the event that a person does not respect the dart, paralysis, or the eye contact, meaning they are cheating or cutting the game short, stop respecting their dart, and point out there most prominent flaws and make fun of them until there self-esteem plummets.

So, when you enter the cafeteria tomorrow, go ahead and try to dart someone that you know is playing. Then make fun of them until their face looks like a tomato, because that is the point! That is where all the fun is derived from, from other people's pain. Fantastic, right? Just know that once you enter the game,

there is no going back without either never looking anyone else in the face, being embarrassed, or being ridiculed mercilessly. Have fun and start the game among your friends! Credit goes to Matt Phillips for introducing the game through the Cross Country team. Happy hunting!



What very few people know is the origin of the game. It actually comes from the story of Moses. Contrary to popular belief, Moses was not given the power to split the Red Sea. God allowed him to have an invisible dart gun, with infinite darts! So, he tapped all the Egyptians on the shoulders, shot them all in the face, and ran with his Jewish brothers towards the promise land.



# Pumas Win Homecoming with Strong 3rd Quarter

By Ken Badylak

*Sports Information Director*

The Saint Joseph's College football team experienced a number of emotions in the third quarter of play against homecoming opponent Robert Morris University (IL) on Saturday. SJC erased an eight point deficit in the third to defeat RMU 35-27. The victory marks the third straight homecoming victory for the Pumas.

The Eagles (1-4) opened the contest by scoring on the third play from scrimmage as Lamont Wims broke several tackles en route to a 58-yard touchdown scamper. Billy VandeMerkt (So., Riverside, Ill./Riverside-Brookfield) completed his first six pass attempts on the Pumas' (1-4) opening series, but the drive stalled on the RMU 42 yard line.

SJC scored its first touchdown late in the first quarter as VandeMerkt completed a 50-yard pass to Julian Walker (RSo., Indianapolis, Ind./Southport). With some creative special teams, RMU produced a 56-yard return on the ensuing kick-off, giving the Eagles a short field to operate. Four plays later, Matt Westerkamp found Deshawn Weaver for a 30-yard touchdown reception that gave RMU a 13-7 lead.

The Pumas completed a 14-play drive that tied the game at the beginning of the second quarter when VandeMerkt found Walker for his second touchdown reception of the game. The Eagles and Pumas exchanged touchdowns before the half as RMU held a 20-19 edge at intermission.

A SJC turnover in its own ter-

ritory to start the third period allowed Wims to rush seven-yards for his second touchdown and a 27-19 Eagles' lead. The Pumas went three and out on the ensuing drive, but Anthony Rouba (Sr., Chicago, Ill./St. Laurence) forced Westerkamp to fumble two plays later, giving SJC back possession on the RMU 35 yard line.

The Pumas went backwards and three plays later were forced to punt. However, Westerkamp was intercepted on the second play of the drive by Drew Byrd (Fr., Friendswood, Texas/Clear Brook) who fumbled during the return. Sheldon Martin (Fr., San Diego, Calif./Lincoln) picked-up the ball on a short hop and produced a 25-yard return to the RMU 30 yard line. On fourth and 12 VandeMerkt connected with Cameron Crabtree (Fr., Indianapolis, Ind./Pike) out of the backfield who found the endzone by forcing the Eagle defense to miss arm tackles.

VandeMerkt then connected with Walker on the two point conversion to tie the game at 27. SJC then took the lead for good with six minutes left in the game as Darryl Jordan (So., Indianapolis, Ind./Brownsburg) finished an eight-play, 37-yard drive with a one yard touchdown run.

VandeMerkt completed 27 of 44 passes for 230 yards and three touchdowns. Walker caught 12 catches for 125 yards and two touchdowns. Cody Sprayberry (So., Oak Forest, Ill./Oak Forest) made a team-high nine tackles with an interception return for a touchdown.

had to put in hard work to leave the game tied 0-0.

Looking to keep their strong form going this Friday the men's soccer team played against the fourth ranked Northern Kentucky University into the final 45 minutes of play trailing 2-1. NKU scored three times in the second frame to escape Joseph L. Minielli Field with a 5-1 victory.

The Pumas then looked to regroup playing Bellarmine University. Both teams fought hard and the Pumas again had to battle back to bring the game level at 1-1 sending the match to overtime. With only 3 minutes left to play the Pumas suffered defeat losing the match 2-1.

The men's Pumas soccer team looks to rebound this upcoming week at home with matches Tuesday against Cedarville University in non-conference play, then resume conference play with matches against Drury University and Missouri S & T.

The Pumas stand at 11th place in the GLVC standings.



Billy VandeMerkt, Sophomore looks down field for the pass in recent play. Photo courtesy of Tim McFarland C.P.P.S.

## Pumas Take 1st and 4th at IWU Homecoming Meet

By J.J. Miller  
*Staff Writer*

Some people remember homecoming because of football, some people remember it because of the time they spend with alumni and friends, and some remember it for reasons I couldn't publish if I wanted to.

But for the Cross Country teams, they'll remember homecoming as the afterglow of their successful weekend competing at Indiana Wesleyan University.

*"They're as close a team as I've had, they're so close, they're always together."*  
- Bill Massoels

The men's team took 1st place overall, led by freshman standout Logan Barrett. He won the meet with a time of 25:30, while teammate Richard Kaht took second with a time of 26:04. Jake Carden took 5th for the Pumas with a time of 26:20. The top 7 runners for the Pumas were rounded out by Mike Fauser (15th), Matt Philips (21st), Pat Massoels (23rd), and Jon Gutterman (25th).

The women's team also had a successful meet, placing 4th in the meet. Andie Strang led the ladies with a 7th place finish of 19:16 on the 5K course. Katie

DeBoy and Hillary Young came across the line with times of 19:43 and 19:48 to take 14th and 16th for the team, while Morgan Kleinaman took 18th with a time of 19:55. Rounding out the top 7 for the women was Frehiwet Negassi (22nd), Kirstin Hart (26th), and Kelli Lippold (29th).

A large portion of the success of the men's program has been how tight knit the team is. I had a talk with Coach Massoels, who had this to say about his team, "They're as close a team as I've had, they're so close, they're always together."

This has helped the men's team to learn and grow together as the season has progressed. Their personalities have helped them build off each other, and help them on race

days. "We've got a really close team bond," says Richard Kaht, "It's gonna help us for years to come."

With a men's team that is mostly underclassmen competing so well, and an equally young women's team that is still building, the Puma cross country teams are really "Building a dynasty", as sophomore Jake Carden put it.

The Puma's travel to Terra Haute, Indiana to compete in the Gibson Family Invitational, their last big meet before the GLVC Championships on October 22nd.

## Upcoming Home Games

**10/14**

*Men's Soccer  
vs Drury  
University  
5:00 PM*

*Women's Soccer  
vs Drury  
University  
7:30 PM*

**10/16**

*Women's Soccer  
vs Missouri  
University of  
Science and  
Technology  
12:00 PM*

*Men's Soccer  
vs Missouri  
University of  
Science and  
Technology  
2:30 PM*

**10/22**

*Football  
vs Kentucky  
Wesleyan College  
12:00 PM*



## Pumas Soccer Still in Playoff Hunt

By Daniel Zimmer  
*Sports Editor*

The Men's Soccer team looks to rebound after a tough weekend of competition. Despite two losses to Northern Kentucky University and Bellarmine University the Pumas still boast a .500 record sitting at 4-4-2 in the GLVC conference and still have a foothold in the play off race.

The Pumas started last week with an undefeated weekend on the road with a strong and exciting performance against Kentucky Wesleyan University, beating the panthers in overtime 4-3. The Pumas fell behind in the second half 3-1, but battled hard to bring the game to overtime. Tyler Blankenship, sophomore, tied the game to send the match to overtime scoring a crucial goal with less than a minute of play. Cole Galloway, sophomore, finished the match with the game winner.

The Pumas traveled to Southern Indiana University and



# Tennis Alumni Return to Face Current Players

By Katie Guernsey  
Sports Writer

The Puma tennis team hosted the annual Homecoming Alumni Match Saturday, October 1st. This year's match had a great turnout. Many past players from both the men and women's teams showed up, including three players who graduated just last year.

Also returning was 2010 graduate Anisha Gohil. Gohil was part of the 2010 women's team that qualified for the NAAs. Gohil said, "The alumni match was a lot of fun. It was so good to see familiar faces, friends, and teammates again. When you're on a team, they're kind of like your family for that four years and seeing some of the team again brings back that feeling. I really enjoyed playing with my doubles partner Jordan Orner."

There was no set roster for this match; head coach Reggie Sanderson mixed and matched both current and past players. This provided the current men and women's team to learn from some of the past players experience. "It was fun talking to the alumni players to hear about the experiences they had and the stories they told," said freshman Kyle Curry.

This annual match is played purely for fun, and the Pumas certainly had lots of it. Senior Natalie Burgeson comments: "I have always enjoyed playing in the alumni match throughout my years here at Saint Joe. It's a great opportunity to mingle

with all the alumni. I definitely had a blast with it being my last Homecoming as a student!"

The alumni match gave the players on the team a change to relax because even though it's their fall season (technically their off-season), things can sometimes get hectic and intense. "Being my first time playing in the alumni match I was a little anxious of what to expect, but it was a great time from the time we arrived until we left. It's nice to be able to relax and play some fun tennis instead of focusing on the competition side of things," said freshman Brooke Foltz.

While the Pumas have only played a few matches, their

fall season is nearly over, with only a couple more weekends of match play coming up before their winter conditioning. Both teams will host the Saint Joseph Invitational the weekend of October 8 and 9, and will travel to Saint Louis the following weekend for a dual match against both Division I Saint Louis University and member of the NAIA, Missouri Baptist University.

Freshman Adam Meeker is all ready for the regular spring season to arrive. "I am looking forward to a great season with the team. There is a lot of young talent that will contribute a great amount."



Danny James hits the ball back during a friendly game with alumni  
(Photo by Father Tim McFarland C.P.P.S.)

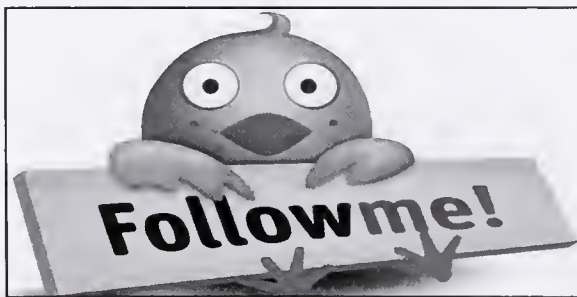
## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT GOES DIGITAL

By: Jeremy Butterfield  
Sports Editor

Pumas did you know that the athletic page got a revamp of course, because all of you read the last article, but now the athletic department is on Facebook, Twitter, Text Alerts, Youtube, and its own Photo Galley.

With all of these different outlets the athletic department can get the word out about each of the teams and how they did that day in the game. Since last year Pumas on campus would have to hear it from one of the players or wait until the athletic web page updated or wrote an article about it. With Twitter people can find out right away or with Facebook people can find pictures or watch some great clips on Youtube.

The Text Alerts system is great for the people who do not check the website or want to hear the scores or when games are happening fast. With all of these



new ways to view the sporting highlights coaches and the athletic department staff need to learn about what each of these sites are and what to and not to put on each of these sites.

Facebook is a nice way for even some of the students to cheer on and support our teams. With having these many different outlets and with students now having a lot of accounts with these sites they can view the different areas of the Saint Joseph's College sports teams. Having a faster way to views stories about each team, people who are not on campus can find

out what happened to teams in a timely manner.

The Photo Galley is nice to supplement Father Tim McFarland photos. These are in a place that are easy to find with a different view of the game. Students will like being able to see photos instead of depending on Father Tim McFarland's photo page then going through and find the team they want. With the new Photo Galley fans can click on the sport they want to view each game as a different file also will change the view of that webpage. Trusting Father McFarland to be at every game is ballsy, now a coach or someone who has a camera could share the pictures online

The Facebook page for the athletic department is "Saint Joseph's College Athletics". The Twitter account is @SJC\_Athletics. The Youtube account is "Puma Athletics". All of these accounts can be found on the SJC sports pages.



## Puma Athlete Profile:

By: Jeremy Butterfield  
Sports Editor

### Corey Dowds

Corey Dowds was born in Houston, Texas. He runs cross country and track, and also is the Features editor for the Observer. Corey is a Sophomore Creative Writing major.

Hometown: Rensselaer, Ind.



How long have you been running Cross Country? This is my 8th year

How did you get involved with Cross Country? It was something to do

What do you run? 8k during cross and 5k, 10k during track

What is your favorite food?: Anything Chinese

What music do you like to listen to?: Rap and Alternative

What movie can you watch over and over again?: Memento

What was the first job you ever had?: Custodian, I liked the free gum

Did you like it?: Yes, it was easy money.

What is one thing that people don't know about you?: My girlfriend doesn't know I'm gay

What is your favorite sports team?: Baltimore Ravens

## Golf Fall Shootout

By Ken Badylak  
Sports Information Director

The Saint Joseph's College men's golf team finished seventh at the University of Illinois Springfield Fall Shootout on Monday. Nationally ranked Division III Illinois Wesleyan came back to win the 36-hole event on the second day at Piper Glenn Golf Course.

The University of Wisconsin Parkside fired an opening round of 302 to take a two shot lead over Quincy and Illinois Wesleyan. However, IWU stormed back to the top of the leader-board on day two with a one over par round of 289. QU finished second, 14 shots behind while UWP dropped fourth after a 323 second round. SJC posted rounds of 336 and 334 to finished seventh in the nine team field.

Illinois Wesleyan place four players inside the top five

as Kenny Wienckowski took medalist honors after firing a second round 68, finishing with a two day total of even par 144. Teammate Shane Smith finished second, one shot behind Wienckowski after rounds of 71 and 74.

Kyle Stafford (Jr., Peoria, Az./Sunrise Mountain) was the Pumas' highest finisher after he bounced back from an opening 85 to card a final round 79 to finish 33rd. Nick Herndon (Fr., Fremont, Ind./Fremont) recorded rounds of 81 and 85 to finish 36th overall.

The Pumas will conclude the fall portion of the season on Monday and Tuesday of next week at the Midwest Regional hosted by the University Missouri-St. Louis. The 36-hole event contested at Sunset Hills is scheduled to begin on Monday at 9 am CDT.



Chris Newbauer hopes his drive gets the distance. (Photo by Father Tim McFarland C.P.P.S.)



## Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for October 13  
(219) 866-2222  
fountainstonetheaters.com

**Lion King 3D (G)**  
3:00, 5:00, 7:00

**Dolphin Tale (PG)**  
2:40, 4:40, 6:40

**Real Steel (PG-13)**  
4:00, 6:20

**Moneyball (PG-13)**  
4:10, 6:30

**What's Your Number (R)**  
2:50, 4:50, 6:50

**Coming Soon**  
Footloose  
The Thing  
Paranormal Activity 3

## The Ritz Cinema

Movies for October 13  
(219) 866-0086  
www.ritzcinema.net  
All movies begin at 7:00 M-F  
Matinees Sat/Sun 2:00

**Crazy, Stupid, Love**  
(PG-13)

# Dating Dan: Dating Advice

By Daniel Zimmer  
Sports Editor



Dear Dan,

*I'd appreciate some advice please. My friend has recently started seeing this guy and now she's ignoring me as well as all our other friends. We all think he's no good for her because he is in complete control of the relationship and spends all his time with his friends. I want to tell her how I feel but not sure how to do it and am afraid that I'll push her away even more.*

So you have a friend that is in an intoxicating relationship? It's tough

because friends basically become our family on campus. I think John Mayer said it best. "Say what you need to say." We never want to get on tough subjects with our friends, especially relationships, because we never want to say something that could put us in the bad, but maybe there's another way to say then in plain black and white English right to her.

Think about what you and your girl friends have been doing without her? I'm sure you all went on living your life and being friends together. So keep her updated. Make her miss you sort of. "Oh we did such and such," then say, "You should have been there." Keep her thinking. I'm sure you women are best at that. (I know, men not so much.) Maybe you want to be more proactive and hands on. Invite her to some of these events.

Does she call up crying when he's with his boys? Be a shoulder, bring her out and get active. We all know sitting and dwelling is never a good thing.

However, I will warn you too. All this keeping active, trying to get her with old gal pals, gets time consuming. Draw a line with your friends and stick with it. We all have so much time we can invest, even with friendships. Plus, who knows maybe all the time not invested becomes time well worth investing because she'll come running back. Let's be honest this relationship of hers probably isn't going to last.

If you have a question about relationships and dating, ask Dan! Email him at dzq7803@saintjoe.edu. You can also follow his student blog on the school website.

## Overheard

*If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to ehq7585@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!*

~  
"He's like Indiana Jones, only ginger."

~  
"Would you be the Locke to my Hobbes?"

~  
Person 1: "Maybe you're the milkman's daughter."  
Person 2: "I'm lactose intolerant!"

~  
"You can pet him, but don't touch his eyeballs."

~  
"I found my toast! It was in my pocket!"

~  
"It's a little too much farmer and not enough hipster."

## Reasons to Party

October 13th 1993-The Mighty Ducks win their first NHL game

October 14th-SJC Fall Break

October 15th 1995-The Carolina Panthers win their first NFL game, beating the Jets 26-15.

October 17th 2010-Australia's first saint, Mary MacKillop, is canonized

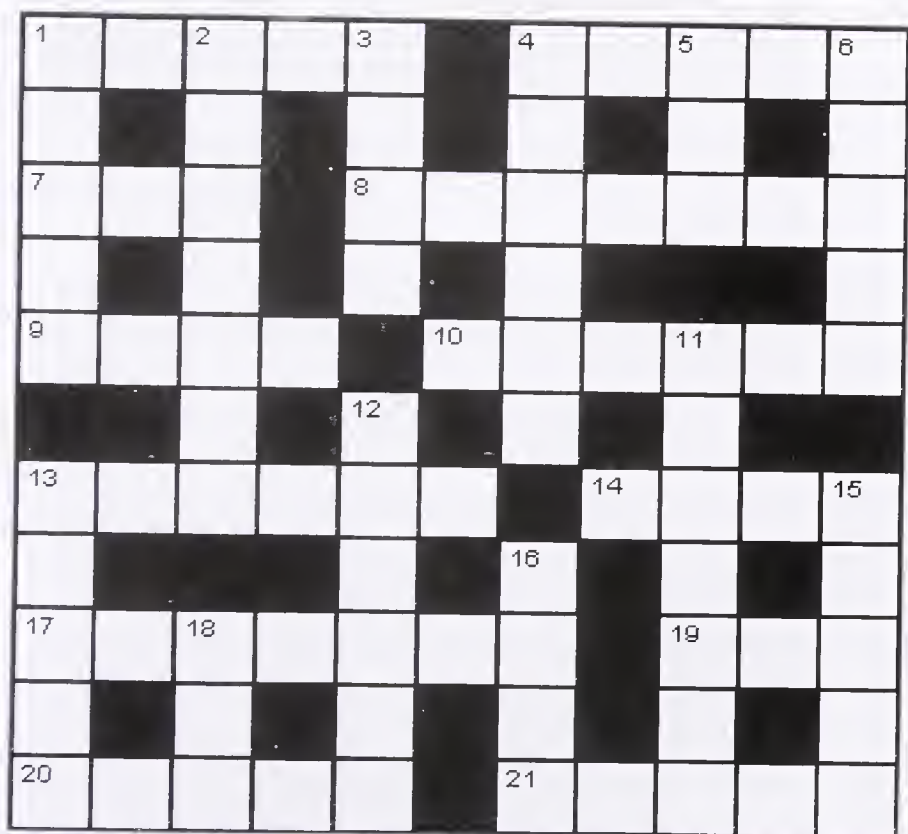
October 19th 1963-The Beatles record "I Want to Hold Your Hand."

October 21st 1992-Madonna's book "Sex" goes on sale

October 22nd 1978 -Pope John Paul II installed in Rome

October 23rd 1970-Gary Gabelich sets the auto speed record at 622.4 mph

October 25th 1983-US invades Grenada, a country 1/2000 of its population.



### Across

1. Concern (5)
4. Maxim (5)
7. Fruit (3)
8. Responded (7)
9. Chess piece (4)
10. Writer (6)
13. Sagacity (6)
14. Leave out (4)
17. Decorate food (7)
19. Beverage (3)
20. Stitched (5)
21. Travesty (5)

### Down

1. Thin biscuit (5)
2. Areas (7)
3. Tall story (4)
4. Counting device (6)
5. Perform (3)
6. Duck (5)
11. Short-tailed burrowing rodent (7)
12. Aped (6)
13. Earnings (5)
15. Search and find (5)
16. Professional cook (4)
18. Uncooked (3)

## WOULD YOU RATHER...

- ...lose your keys or your phone?
- ...have great abs or great arms?
- ...be eaten by a shark or get an STD from a shark?
- ...sweat cheese or puke marbles?
- ...occasionally blow up or occasionally turn inside out?
- ...be stuck in an elevator full of spiders or snakes?
- ...get dumped by text or in front of the whole school?
- ...dive into a pool of cacti or run a mile in golf ball-sized hail?